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APPLICANT: GOLD ET AL.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions for a three month extension of time, to and including February 15, 2002, to respond to the Office Action mailed 08/15/01. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the extension fee of \$460.00 to deposit account No. 50-1643, as well as any deficiency of fees associated with this communication.

Respectfully submitted,

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